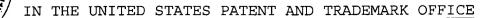
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Accompanying Request for Continued Examination

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office action of April 7, 2005 (final) by Request for Continued Examination herewith and by this Preliminary Amendment and accordingly request further amendment in the above-entitled application as follows.

Separate sections of this response and amendment are provided.

The listing of claims, as amended, begins on page 2 of this response. The claims listed replace all prior versions or listings of the claims. All claims are set forth whether or not amended.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this response.